

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

MFP 100B transports the document one sheet at a time by means of ADF 444 to a specified reading position, and judges whether copy-prohibiting information exists in the attribute information recorded on the an IC tag or not by means of an IC tag reader 443B. If no copy-prohibiting information exists, it prints the image data acquired from the IC tag by IC tag reader 443B by means of a printing unit 454. On the other hand, if copy-prohibiting information exists, it processes it by either one of the methods of blank output or no output according to the user's choice. Thus, the document can be processed appropriately when the IC-tagged document contains copy-prohibiting information in the attribute information.